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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 April 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 14 April 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claims 11 & 12 are objected to because of the following informalities: Claims 11 & 12 are improperly designated as "original". For examination purposes, claims 11 & 12 will be treated as if they were designated as "currently amended". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 1,5,6,10 &12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Esswein (US 5327032 supplied by applicant).

With respect to claim 1, Esswein teaches an electric motor comprising: A stator (Fig. 2, #38), a magnetic induction core (Fig. 6, #10) constrained to said stator (by way of mounting block: Fig. 2, #12), at least one coil of magnetic excitation (Fig. 2, #34) associated to said induction core, a rotor (Fig. 2, #18) of substantially cylindrical shape comprising at least one permanent magnet (Fig. 2, #28) adapted to form on said rotor at least two magnetic poles of opposite polarity, said induction core and said at least one coil being adapted to form at least two magnetic induction poles of opposite polarity on said induction core, wherein said induction core is produced in a single body (as seen in Fig. 1) and comprises a circular central hole for housing said rotor, a ring-shaped air gap (of the type as seen in Fig. 2) between said rotor and said induction core, at least two opposing extensions adapted to form said at least two magnetic induction poles in

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opposite position from each other and in proximity to said circular central hole, at least two opposing and external magnetic separation notches (Fig. 6, #22a,24a,26a) on an outer surface of said induction core, said external magnetic separation notches being alternately arranged with respect to said extensions, adapted to generate a magnetic separation between two adjacent, opposite-sign poles of the induction core, such that the rotor is arranged with each magnetic pole between two adjacent poles of the induction core when the motor is de-energized (as seen in Fig. 5).

With respect to claim 5, Esswein teaches the motor of claim 1, wherein said induction core comprises two opposing extensions (Fig. 2, #30).

With respect to claim 6, Esswein teaches the motor of claim 5, wherein said rotor comprises two opposing permanent magnets (as seen in Fig. 2).

With respect to claim 10, Esswein teaches the motor of claim 1 wherein electrical energy is gained by the ends of the induction coils when mechanical energy is applied to the rotation axis (which is inherent to all dynamoelectric machines of the type that is taught by Esswein).

With respect to claim 12, Esswein teaches the motor of claim 1 wherein a coil is associated with the induction pole.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claims 7,11 & 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Esswein (US 5327032 supplied by applicant).

With respect to claim 7, Esswein teaches the motor of claim 1, but it does not teach that said rotor comprises a single permanent magnet with alternate poles arranged on the side surface of said rotor. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the two rotor magnets of Esswein into one unitary magnet since it has been held that “the use of a one piece construction...would be merely a matter of obvious engineering choice.” (In re Larson, 340 F.2d 965, 968, 144 USPQ 347, 349 (CCPA 1965)).

With respect to claim 11, Esswein teaches the motor of claim 1, but it does not teach that permanent magnets are secured by insertion. However, inserting magnets into rotors was well known in the art at the time of the invention. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to secure permanent magnets to the motor of Esswein using insertion because it provides a means for attaching magnets to a motor without the use of adhesives or external fasteners.

With respect to claim 14, Esswein teaches the motor of claim 1, but it does not specifically teach that a polarity exchange is carried out with a brush manifold. However, brush manifolds (brushes and commutators) were very well known in the art at the time of the invention. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to use a brush manifold to implement a polarity exchange in the motor of Esswein because brush manifolds are one of the oldest and most basic methods for controlling polarity exchanges in DC motors.

Claims 3 & 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Esswein (US 5327032 supplied by applicant) in view of Horst (EP 0676853 supplied by applicant).

With respect to claim 3, Esswein teaches the motor of claim 1, but it does not teach that said induction core comprises four equidistant extensions. However, Horst teaches a similar motor with four equidistant extensions (Fig. 3, #18a-d), and Esswein teaches that multiple extensions may be used (Col. 3, Lines 62-68). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the motor of Esswein in view of the motor as taught by Horst because it has more starting torque than other motors (Horst, Abstract).

With respect to claim 4, Esswein in view of Horst teaches the motor of claim 3, and Horst teaches that said rotor comprises four equidistant permanent magnets (Fig. 3, #24a-d).

Claims 8 & 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Esswein (US 5327032 supplied by applicant) in view of Mavidia et al. (EP 0342733 supplied by applicant). Esswein teaches the motor of claim 1, by it does not teach that said motor further comprises a hall-effect sensor adapted to control the position of the rotor. However, Mavidia teaches a hall-effect sensor (Fig. 8, #150) in a similar motor. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the motor of Esswein in view of the sensor as taught by Mavidia because it provides a means for determining relative angular displacement of a motor's rotor (Col. 5, Lines 11-16).

Claim 13 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Esswein (US 5327032 supplied by applicant) in view of Mavidia et al. (EP 0342733) further in view of Mayes et al. (EP 0892490 supplied by applicant). Esswein in view of Mavidia teaches the motor of claim 8, but it does not teach that said polarity sensor is optical. However, Mayes teaches a motor using an optical sensor (Col. 3, Lines 6-13). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify the sensor of Mavidia in view of the sensor as taught by Mayes as merely a substitution of known equivalent position sensors (Col. 3, Lines 6-13).

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed 4/25/2006 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In response to the applicant's argument that the induction core of Esswein is a two piece core and therefore not a single body, it is noted that claim 1 makes no positive recitation of the two opposing extensions adapted to form said at least two magnetic induction poles being a part of the single body and the induction ring of Esswein is in fact a single piece (as can be seen in Fig. 6). It is also noted that even if claim 1 made a positive recitation of the two opposing extensions being a part of the single body, which it did not, the claim would still have been rejected under 35 USC 103 because it has been held that "the use of a one piece construction...would be merely a matter of obvious engineering choice." (In re Larson, 340 F.2d 965, 968, 144 USPQ 347, 349 (CCPA 1965)).

Conclusion


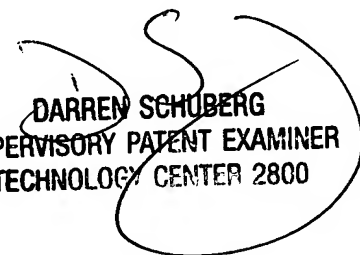
Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Erik D. Preston whose telephone number is (571)272-8393. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Darren Schuberg can be reached on (571)272-2044. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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